

Business Briefs

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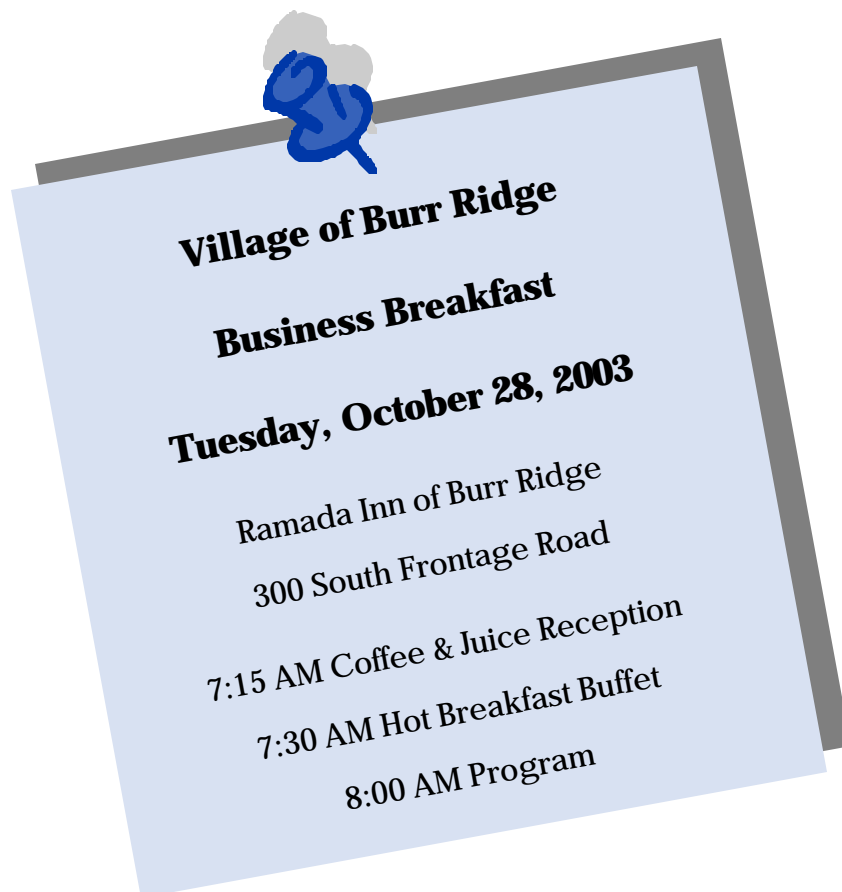
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Mission Statement

To act as a recommending body to advise the Village Board and Staff on ways to develop a positive business climate, consistent with the existing residential character of the community, which will encourage the retention of existing businesses and promote and assist in the growth and development of new businesses. The BREDC will seek to build relationships among the Village Board, Staff, commercial developers, various associations of commerce and industry and Burr Ridge businesses that encourages an exchange of information, the promotion of the Village as a viable location for new investment and the development of policies which will provide the impetus for the retention/expansion of the local tax base and employment opportunities.

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Mark your calendar now for the annual Business Breakfast. Watch your mail for an invitation to the Economic Development Committee's annual Business Breakfast. Join your fellow business leaders, the Economic Development Committee, Village officials and Staff for networking and the latest information about Burr Ridge.

This year's Business Breakfast will include an update from the Village as well as a speaker from the Small Business Association. They will provide literature on their services and be available to answer your questions at the conclusion of the program.



Appellate Court Rules in TIF Lawsuit

The Illinois Appellate Court ruled that the Burr Ridge Corporate Park is not eligible for a TIF District. The Village Board of Trustees decided not to challenge the Court's ruling. The TIF district was established to attract development in the remaining vacant portion of the Corporate Park, where commercial property taxes are higher than in neighboring DuPage County. In its comprehensive plan, the Village designated the area for quality office development, providing maximum revenue with minimum impact on both residents and area schools. Market pressures indicate that the Village needs to aggressively pursue development in this area if it hopes to attract the desired development.

Building and Right-of-Way Permit Fees Revised

In 2002, the Board approved a comprehensive amendment to the Village's Public Right-of-Way Ordinance requiring a \$5,000 Performance Bond for any and all work in the right-of-way. The purpose of the bond is to ensure that a sufficient amount of money is available to restore the street and/or right-of-way once work has been completed. However, Staff realized the bond requirement was too costly and in May, 2003, recommended to the Board that the amount be reduced, depending on the type of work performed. The Board voted to reduce the performance bond from \$5,000 to a sliding scale of \$500 for parkway work, \$2,000 for service connections and \$5,000 for other work including utility extensions.

Dine Outdoors at County Line Square

The Village Board approved a special use permit that allows outdoor seating for the five restaurants located in County Line Square: Moondance Diner, Kirstens, China King, Subway and Salerno's. The outdoor seating can be located in front of each restaurant from May 1st to October 31st each year. The seating was limited to three tables per restaurant, uniform throughout the shopping center.

Police Department Open House

Members of the business community are invited to join the Burr Ridge Police Department for its first Open House on Saturday, September 13th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Featured attractions include food, prizes, fun and games for everyone, as well as an opportunity to come out and meet the officers that serve the community.

With the TIF District dissolved, the Village is pursuing the Cook County Class 7B tax abatement program. This program would establish a 12-year reduced level of assessment. The criteria to obtain Class 7B status differs from that of a TIF, and Cook County is the sole authority that determines a property's eligibility.

The Village Board tabled the designating the area as Burr Ridge Business District No. 1 and approving the use of the Class 7B tax incentive until the September 22, 2003 Regular Board Meeting. Staff was provided 30 days to meet with the Superintendents of School Districts 204 and 107 and discuss the matter further before any action is taken.

The Board also voted in February to revise Building Permit Fees. The revised fees include a 33% increase in permit fees for new single-family homes but no increase in permit fees for single-family additions and alterations. The revision also included a more than 60% reduction of the permit fees for residential accessory structures and building such as fences, decks, gazebos and sheds to a standard of \$50 for most permits and \$100 for pools. Fees for non-residential permits will be based on a building area rather than construction type were re-structured, with an average fee increase of 19%.

Citizen's Police Academy

Representatives of the business community are encouraged to enroll in the sixth annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The Academy begins Thursday, September 12th, and continues for ten weeks. The weekly sessions are held at Village Hall, 7660 S. County Line Road, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM one night a week. The Academy is designed to develop stronger ties between the community and its police officers by providing "students" with an understanding of police work. The Academy has received high praise from its alumni. Contact Officer Zucchero at 323-8181, extension 322 to enroll.



Visit the Village's web
site at
www.burr-ridge.gov

Know the Code

Outside Storage: The Village frequently receives complaints regarding the outside storage of pallets, boxes and other items. While businesses usually do not intend that the storage of these items be anything other than temporary, such outside storage nevertheless causes numerous complaints, especially since the wind often sends items into adjoining residential areas. We ask your cooperation in complying with the various Zoning Ordinance sections that prohibit outside storage in Business, Office and Manufacturing Districts.

Refuse: We urge all members of the business community to do their part to keep Burr Ridge clean by remembering that refuse containers must be within an enclosure specifically for this purpose located adjacent to the rear wall of the building and must remain covered at all times.

Required Landscaping: Did you know that certain elements of your business property's landscaping are required by the Zoning Ordinance and, therefore, must be maintained in such a manner as to retain at least the intended standards of the landscaping plan initially approved by the Village? Before taking any steps to remove landscaping or trees and shrubs that have died, you should check with the Community Development Department to ensure that your plans will not violate the required landscaping standards for your building. This is especially important with regard to perimeter landscaping, landscaping buffering your business from a residential area and parking lot landscaping.

2002 Top Sales Tax Generators

Companies are listed in alphabetical order.

American Marketing Systems, Inc.
 Bobak Enterprises, Inc.
 Commnet Supplies, Inc
 Dik Drug Co.
 Finkbiner Equipment Co.
 Industrial Electrical Supply of HSD
 Merle B. Smith Company, Inc.
 Mid-Way Supply, Inc.
 Praxair, Inc.
 Royal Office Products

These top ten companies generated an aggregate total of \$1,017,584 in sales tax revenue for the Village of Burr Ridge, representing 50.9% of all sales tax received in the 2002 calendar year.



Sign up for Web Link

Have you visited the Village's web site at www.burr-ridge.gov recently? Our updated Economic Profile, including the latest demographic information from the 2000 Census, is posted on the site. You will also find several useful links, including links to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the DuPage County Office of Economic Development. Our **Web Links** page, which can be accessed directly from the Home Page, provides quick links to Burr Ridge business web sites. To add your business to **Web Links**, call Assistant to the Administrator, Lisa Ensing at 654-8181 extension 105, or send her an email at lensing@burr-ridge.gov.



Veterans Memorial Design Approved

After more than two years of work by the Veteran's Memorial Committee, a design for the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial has been approved. The Village Board was pleased with the design, voting unanimously for its approval. The Burr Ridge Park District donated the location of the Memorial, Purdie McCollough Park, at the corner of Plainfield and County Line Roads. Featuring an 8-foot granite pillar centered between two American flags, the design pays tribute to each branch of service. The Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy will be represented by five smaller polished granite pillars.

Wendy Schulenberg, landscape architect of Daniel Weinbach and Partners, designed the Memorial in cooperation with the Committee. Chairman Corporal Timothy Vaclav of the Burr Ridge Police Department estimates that it will cost approximately \$270,000 to construct the Memorial. The Village Board kicked-off the fund-raising efforts by donating \$2,500 and agreeing to maintain the Memorial. To raise funds, Corporal Vaclav stated that the Committee will sell engraved paver bricks that feature the name, rank, branch and service dates of veterans. Donations will also be accepted. If you wish to make a donation make checks payable to the Village of Burr Ridge and write "Veterans Memorial" on the memo line.



The Veterans Memorial Design

**VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE
7660 S. COUNTY LINE ROAD
BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS 60527**

**PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
HINSDALE, IL
PERMIT NO. 94**

**ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED**

**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY**

Attention: President/CEO

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It's Our Town, Let's Slow Down

In 2002, the Burr Ridge Police Department initiated a comprehensive traffic safety and awareness program. In response to resident concerns about traffic safety, this program is intended to increase public awareness of the dangers of speeding while enforcing the Village's traffic laws. The Business community plays a large part in the success of this campaign because they, just like our residents, have an interest in traveling safely through our village. The Department continues to schedule Directed Enforcement Campaigns focusing on primary routes of travel during the morning commute to target drivers who believe a few miles over the limit is an acceptable risk. Individual driving habits have the single greatest effect in keeping our streets and families safe. Please make a conscious effort to slow down and keep the streets and neighborhoods of Burr Ridge safe.



Resurfacing & Striping Burr Ridge Parkway

Work began in mid-August on the 2003 Road Program. Included in this year's program is the resurfacing of Burr Ridge Parkway. All roads and driveways will remain open to traffic during a majority of the work. However, there may be occasional delays or brief road closures. For more information call the Construction Hotline at 654-8181, option 8, number 1, or log on to www.burr-ridge.gov and click on "Road Construction."

Welcome New Businesses

Join us in welcoming the following new members of the Burr Ridge Business Community: Artisan Coil & Tank, Inc.; BankFinancial, F.S.B.; Codilis & Associates, PC; Full Spectrum Lending, Inc.; Giant Steps Illinois, Inc.; Grafix USA, LLC; Installation Resource, Inc.; Metropolitan Architectural Brick, Inc.; Muslim Education Center; Quasar Medical, Inc.; Realtor's Resource Home Loans; Salerno's Pizza; State Farm Insurance; Subway; Teamsters Local 731; Windland Mortgage Corp.; Windy City Music, Inc.